

## **2015 2016 NORTH DAKOTA VETERAN AND DEPENDENT PAYMENT INFORMATION**

*The following charts and information was derived from various sources and government documentation, websites, etc. While we attempted to provide you with accurate and up to date information, errors can be made. The following rates should be considered an estimate of benefits. Department of Veterans Affairs determines the actual benefit amounts. Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs if you should have any questions about your benefits.*

### **Chapter 30 – MGIB-AD (3 years or more of active duty):**

### **Monthly Rates**

*Effective October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016*

<b>TRAINING TIME *</b>	<b>Universities, Colleges, Non-College Degrees</b>
Full - Time	\$1,789.00
3/4 Time	\$1,341.75
1/2 Time	\$894.50
Less 1/2 time more than 1/4 time	\$894.50 **
1/4 time or less	\$447.25 **

\* For degree schools: training time for a traditional undergraduate degree is 12 credits per term. Non-standard terms training time is determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs using a set formula. Training time for graduate degrees is determined by the institution.

\* For Non-degree schools: Most non-degree schools (i.e., cosmetology, welding, etc.) are typically shop predominate programs requiring 22 clock hours or more per week to be considered full time. Theory based programs require 18 clock hours or more per week to be considered full time. Training time is reduced by a pro-rated calculation for programs less than the full time rate.

\*\* Tuition and fees cannot exceed the listed amount. The Department of Veterans Affairs will pay the tuition and fees up to the rate shown if attending a degree school less than half time.

<b>TRAINING PERIOD</b>	<b>Apprenticeships and OJT *</b>
First six months	\$1,341.75
Second six months of training	\$983.95
Remainder of Training	\$626.15

Note: In order for a training facility to be approved, the employer has agreed to provide a starting wage of at least 50% of the journeyman rate and agrees to periodic increases in salary during the length of the training agreement.

\* Monthly rates are reduced by a pro-rated formula if you work less than 120 hours per month. Vacations, military leave, sick leave and other absences are not considered work hours.

**Chapter 35 – DEA (Dependents Education Assistance Program):****Monthly Rates***Effective October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016*

<b>TRAINING TIME *</b>	<b>Universities, Colleges, Non-College Degrees</b>
Full - Time	\$1,021.00
3/4 Time	\$765.00
1/2 Time	\$508.00
Less 1/2 time more than 1/4 time	\$508.00 **
1/4 time or less	\$255.25 **

\* For degree schools: training time for a traditional undergraduate degree is 12 credits per term. Non-standard terms training time is determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs using a set formula. Training time for graduate degrees is determined by the institution.

\* For Non-degree schools: Most non-degree schools (i.e., cosmetology, welding, etc.) are typically shop predominate programs requiring 22 clock hours or more per week to be considered full time. Theory based programs require 18 clock hours or more per week to be considered full time. Training time is reduced by a pro-rated calculation for programs less than the full time rate.

\*\* Tuition and fees cannot exceed the listed amount. The Department of Veterans Affairs will pay the tuition and fees up to the rate shown if attending a degree school less than half time.

<b>TRAINING PERIOD</b>	<b>Apprenticeships and OJT *</b>
First six months	\$745.00
Second six months of training	\$559.00
Third six months of training	\$368.00
Remainder of training	\$187.00

Note: In order for a training facility to be approved, the employer has agreed to provide a starting wage of at least 50% of the journeyman rate and agrees to periodic increases in salary during the length of the training agreement.

\* Monthly rates are reduced by a pro-rated formula if you work less than 120 hours per month. Vacations, military leave, sick leave and other absences are not considered work hours.

**Chapter 1606 – MGIB – Select Reserve:****Monthly Rates***Effective October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016*

<b>TRAINING TIME *</b>	<b>Universities, Colleges, Non-College Degrees</b>
Full - Time	\$368.00
3/4 Time	\$275.00
1/2 Time	\$183.00
Less than 1/2 time	\$92.00

\* For degree schools: training time for a traditional undergraduate degree is 12 credits per term. Non-standard terms training time is determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs using a set formula. Training time for graduate degrees is determined by the institution.

\* For Non-degree schools: Most non-degree schools (i.e., cosmetology, welding, etc.) are typically shop predominate programs requiring 22 clock hours or more per week to be considered full time. Theory based programs require 18 clock hours or more per week to be considered full time. Training time is reduced by a pro-rated calculation for programs less than the full time rate.

<b>TRAINING PERIOD</b>	<b>Apprenticeships and OJT *</b>
First six months	\$276.00
Second six months of training	\$202.40
Remainder of training	\$128.80

Note: In order for a training facility to be approved, the employer has agreed to provide a starting wage of at least 50% of the journeyman rate and agrees to periodic increases in salary during the length of the training agreement.

\* Monthly rates are reduced by a pro-rated formula if you work less than 120 hours per month. Vacations, military leave, sick leave and other absences are not considered work hours.

**Chapter 1607 – REAP (Reserve Education Assistance Program):**  
*Effective October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016*

**Monthly Rates**

TRAINING TIME	Universities, Colleges, Non-College Degrees		
	90 days to less*** than 1 year	Consecutive Service of 1 year plus	Consecutive service of 2 years plus
Full - Time	\$715.60	\$1,073.40	\$1,431.20
3/4 Time	\$536.70	\$805.05	\$1,073.40
1/2 Time	\$357.80	\$536.70	\$715.60
Less 1/2 time more than 1/4 time	\$357.80**	\$536.70**	\$715.60**
1/4 time or less	\$178.90**	\$268.35**	\$357.80**

\* For degree schools: training time for a traditional undergraduate degree is 12 credits per term. Non-standard terms training time is determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs using a set formula. Training time for graduate degrees is determined by the institution.

\* For Non-degree schools: Most non-degree schools (i.e., cosmetology, welding, etc.) are typically shop predominate programs requiring 22 clock hours or more per week to be considered full time. Theory based programs require 18 clock hours or more per week to be considered full time. Training time is reduced by a pro-rated calculation for programs less than the full time rate.

\*\* Tuition and fees cannot exceed the listed amount. The Department of Veterans Affairs will pay the tuition and fees up to the rate shown if attending a degree school less than half time.

\*\*\*For Veterans with multiple active duty service, VA considers your longest deployed period in determining the category of benefits.

TRAINING TIME	Apprenticeships and OJT**		
	90 days to less* than 1 year	Consecutive Service of 1 year plus	Consecutive service of 2 years plus
First six months	\$536.70	\$805.05	\$1,073.40
Second six months	\$393.58	\$590.37	\$787.16
Remainder	\$250.46	\$375.69	\$500.92

Note: In order for a training facility to be approved, the employer has agreed to provide a starting wage of at least 50% of the journeyman rate and agrees to periodic increases in salary during the length of the training agreement.

\*For Veterans with multiple active duty service, VA considers your longest deployed period in determining the category of benefits.

\*\* Monthly rates are reduced by a pro-rated formula if you work less than 120 hours per month. Vacations, military leave, sick leave and other absences are not considered work hours.

## Chapter 33 – Post 911 GI Bill

*Effective August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016*

### For those that are attending a university or college:

Chapter 33 has a three part benefit – Tuition and Fees sent directly to the Institution: a books and supplies stipend sent directly to you; a monthly housing benefit sent directly to you. In order to understand the complexity of this benefit, we will break down each part individually.

### Your Percentage of Chapter 33 benefit

In order to understand the amount of your benefit, you will need to determine the percent of your benefit based on your cumulative active duty service since 09/11/2001. This percentage will be applied to tuition and fees, the book stipend as well as the housing benefit.

AGGREGATE PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY	PERCENTAGE OF BENEFIT PAYABLE
At least 36 months	100%
At least 30 continuous days and discharged due to service connected disability	100%
At least 30 months - 36 months*	90%
At least 24 months – 30 months*	80%
At least 18 months – 24 months	70%
At least 12 months – 18 months	60%
At least 6 months – 12 months	50%
At least 90 days – 6 months	40%

\* Basic training and advanced individual training will be calculated into the cumulative total if you have 24 or more months of cumulative active duty.

### Tuition and Fees: (Public Institutions offering degrees)

If you are attending one of North Dakota's public degree institutions , tuition and fees are certified by the school to the Department of Veterans Affairs for payment. For a student at the 100% rate, 100% of qualified\* tuition and fees will be paid directly to the school. For those with a benefit rate less than 100% (see chart above), the amount of qualified tuition and fees paid directly to the school will be based on your percent of benefit payable.

\*In some instances, not all tuition and fees can be certified to the VA. Check with your school certifying official to determine if there are tuition or fees expenses that cannot be certified.

Here is the list of public institutions in North Dakota currently approved for GI Bill benefits:

- Bismarck State University
- Cankdeska Cikana Community College
- Central Michigan University
- Dakota College
- Dickinson State University
- Fort Berthold Community College

- Lake Region State College
- Mayville State University
- Minot State University
- North Dakota State College of Science (NCSCS)
- North Dakota State University (NDSU)
- Sitting Bull College
- Turtle Mountain Community College
- University of North Dakota (UND)
- Valley City State University
- Williston State College

### **Tuition and Fees: (Private and Non-Profit Institutions offering degrees)**

If you are attending one of North Dakota's private or non-profit degree institutions, tuition and fees are certified by the school to the Department of Veterans Affairs for payment. For a student at the 100% rate, 100% of qualified\* tuition and fees will be paid directly to the school\*\*. For those with a benefit rate less than 100% (see chart above), the amount of qualified tuition and fees paid directly to the school will be based on your percent of benefit payable.

\*In some instances, not all tuition and fees can be certified to the VA. Check with your school certifying official to determine if there are tuition or fees expenses that cannot be certified.

\*\*Unlike public institutions, private and non-profit institutions tuition and fees are capped at an annual rate for terms starting on or after August 1 through July 31 of the following year. The cap for the 2015 – 2016 VA academic year is: **\$21,084.89**. The cap amount shown is based on a student at the 100% benefit rate. For those with a percentage less than the 100% benefit rate, your school will receive a corresponding percent of the cap.

**Yellow Ribbon:** Some schools with an annual tuition and fees amount higher than the cap may be approved as a "yellow Ribbon" Institution. The agreement between the institution and the Department of Veterans Affairs will ensure that any qualified tuition and fees above the cap cost will be paid equally between the VA and the institution. This option may be available to you if you are at the 100% benefit rate. See your school certifying official for details.

Here is the list of private and non-profit institutions in North Dakota currently approved for GI Bill benefits:

- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Jamestown College
- Medcenter One College of Nursing
- Park University
- Rasmussen College
- Trinity Bible College
- United Tribes Technical College
- University of Mary

### **Books and Supplies Stipend**

Books and supplies stipend are paid directly to you based on the number of credits you enrolled in for terms starting August 1 through July 31 of the following year. The VA applies a per credit cost of **\$41.67** per credit if you are at the 100% benefit rate. The amount per credit will be reduced depending on your percentage rate. There is a cap of 24 credits per year that can be applied to the book stipend. There is no need for receipts.

For example, if you were at the 100% benefit rate and enrolled in 12 credits during the fall term, you would receive approximately \$500.00 in a books and supply stipend. If you were at the 60% benefit rate, you would receive approximately \$300.00.

### **Monthly Housing Benefit**

Monthly housing allowance benefits are based on a variety of calculations. The amount of housing benefit is based on these criteria:

- Zip code of the school based on the DOD E-5 with dependent rate.
- Percent of Chapter 33 you are eligible for
- The number of credits (training time) you are enrolled in
- Whether or not you are taking all online courses or not
- If you are on active duty or not
- If the term starts part way through a month (pro-rated)

Housing payments are paid in arrears meaning that you will be paid the following month for the previous month of schooling.

Housing rates for Chapter 33 are effective August 1 through July 31 applying the January 1 rates as found in the DOD website.

The 2015 – 2016 E-5 with dependent rates for North Dakota are determined by a cost of living calculation DOD applies each year. North Dakota rates are broken down into various monthly rates depending on the area of the state your school is located in.

To determine the monthly rate: Type or copy in the website address:

**<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm>**. Add the 2015 year, zip code of the school, and pay grade of E-5. Click on Calculate and you will find your monthly housing rate based on "with dependent rate".

The rate that is shown is based on a student that is at the 100% rate, attending full time with at least one resident course.

Online Courses: Students attending a term with all courses taken online would receive **\$783.00** if you are at the 100% benefit rate and attending full time.

Active Duty: You cannot collect a housing benefit through the GI Bill if you are on active duty as you already receive a housing benefit.

**For those that are attending a Non-College Degree school:**

Chapter 33 has a three part benefit – Tuition and Fees sent directly to the Institution: a books and supplies stipend sent directly to you; a monthly housing benefit sent directly to you. In order to understand the complexity of this benefit, we will break down each part individually.

**Your Percentage of Chapter 33 benefit**

In order to understand the amount of your benefit, you will need to determine the percent of your benefit based on your cumulative active duty service since 09/11/2001. This percentage will be applied to tuition and fees, the book stipend as well as the housing benefit.

AGGREGATE PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY	PERCENTAGE OF BENEFIT PAYABLE
At least 36 months	100%
At least 30 continuous days and discharged due to service connected disability	100%
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At least 6 months – 12 months	50%
At least 90 days – 6 months	40%

\* Basic training and advanced individual training will be calculated into the cumulative total if you have 24 or more months of cumulative active duty.

**Tuition and Fees: (Non-degree schools)**

If you are attending one of North Dakota's non degree schools, tuition and fees are certified by the school to the Department of Veterans Affairs for payment. For a student at the 100% rate, 100% of qualified\* tuition and fees will be paid directly to the school\*\*. For those with a benefit rate less than 100% (see chart above), the amount of qualified tuition and fees paid directly to the school will be based on your percent of benefit payable.

\*In some instances, not all tuition and fees can be certified to the VA. Check with your school certifying official to determine if there are tuition or fees expenses that cannot be certified.

\*\*Non Degree school's tuition and fees are capped at an annual rate for terms starting on or after August 1 through July 31 of the following year. The cap for the 2015 – 2016 VA academic year is: **\$21,084.89**. The cap amount shown is based on a student at the 100% benefit rate. For those with a percentage less than the 100% benefit rate, your school will receive a corresponding percent of the cap.

**Books and Supplies Stipend for Non-College degree students**

Books and supplies stipend are paid directly to you based on the number of clock hours you enrolled in for the course. The VA provides you an **\$83.00 per month** book and supply stipend if you are at the 100% benefit rate. The amount per month will be reduced depending on your percentage rate. There is no need for receipts.



### **Monthly Housing Benefit for Non-College degree students**

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- Zip code of the school based on the DOD E-5 with dependent rate.
- Percent of Chapter 33 you are eligible for
- The number of clock hours (training time) you are enrolled in
- If the program starts part way through a month (pro-rated)

Housing payments are paid in arrears meaning that you will be paid the following month for the previous month of schooling.

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To determine the monthly rate: Type or copy in the website address:

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The rate that is shown is based on a student that is at the 100% rate, attending full time.

For Shop predominate programs, full time is considered 22 clock hours or more per week.

For Theory predominate programs, full time is considered 18 clock hours or more per week.

Here is the list North Dakota Non-College degree schools currently approved for GI Bill benefits:

- Adult Learning Center – Bismarck
- Bismarck High School
- Carrington High School
- Community Ambulance Service of Minot
- Fargo High School
- FM Ambulance Service
- Josef's School of Hair Design
- JZ Trend Academy
- Langdon Area High School
- Lynnes Welding
- Magic City Campus – Minot
- Mandan High School
- Moler Barber School of Hair Styling
- National Industrial Training
- St. Alexius Medical Center
- Salon Professional Academy

- Sister Rosalind Gefre School of Professional Massage
  - The Hair Academy
  - The Headquarters Academy of Hair Design
  - Turtle Mountain Community High School
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#### **For those that are attending an OJT or Apprenticeship:**

Chapter 33 has a two part benefit – A books and supplies stipend sent directly to you and a monthly housing benefit sent directly to you. In order to understand the complexity of this benefit, we will break down each part individually.

#### **Your Percentage of Chapter 33 benefit**

In order to understand the amount of your benefit, you will need to determine the percent of your benefit based on your cumulative active duty service since 09/11/2001. This percentage will be applied to tuition and fees, the book stipend as well as the housing benefit.

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#### **Books and Supplies Stipend for OJT or Apprenticeship Trainees**

Books and supplies stipend are paid directly to you based on the number of clock hours you enrolled in for the course. The VA provides you an **\$83.00 per month** book and supply stipend if you are at the 100% benefit rate. The amount per month will be reduced depending on your percentage rate. There is no need for receipts.

#### **Monthly Housing Benefit for OJT or Apprenticeship Trainees**

Monthly housing allowance benefits are based on a variety of calculations. The amount of housing benefit is based on these criteria:

- Zip code of the school based on the DOD E-5 with dependent rate.
- Percent of Chapter 33 you are eligible for
- If the training program starts part way through a month (pro-rated)

Housing payments are paid in arrears meaning that you will be paid the following month for the previous month of schooling.

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To determine the monthly rate: Type or copy in the website address:

**<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm>**. Add the 2015 year, zip code of the training facility, and pay grade of E-5. Click on Calculate and you will find your monthly housing rate based on "with dependent rate".

The rate that is shown is based on a student that is at the 100% rate, attending full time.

Housing allowances for trainees degrees with the length of the training program. Here is a summary of how housing is paid:

<b>Training Period</b>	<b>What percent of your housing will you receive</b>
0 – 6 months of training	100% of your eligible housing benefit
7 – 12 months of training	80% of your eligible housing benefit
13 – 18 months of training	60% of your eligible housing benefit
19 – 24 months of training	40% of your eligible housing benefit
Remainder of your training	20% of your eligible housing benefit.

Contact your State Approving Agency for the current list of available training facilities.